Water Resources in achieving the objectives of CAD programme.

(c) Yes Sir. The meeting was attended by Officials of Central Government belonging to the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Ministry of Water Resources, Planning Commission and Department of Animal Husbandry.

(d) to (f) Yes Sir. The various schemes of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and Department of Animal Husbandry were explained to the participants. State Governments have been requested to draw proposals and submit them to the Government of India for consideration, approval and release of funds.

Regional Horticulture Boards

8330. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will form Regional Horticulture Boards to encourage production of fruit in drier areas; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad and its environs have emerged as a potential fruit export area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no proposal at present with the Government to set up Regional Horticultural Boards.

(b) Yes Sir; there is considerable potential for export of fruits from the State of Andhra Pradesh including Hyderabad and its environs.

Development of sheep

8331. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where steps have been taken for the developmnt of sheep;

(b) the Central schemes sponsored and Central assistance extended to those States for that purpose; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Central assistance extended to the States for the development of sheep under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Ram|Buck Production Programme' during the Eighth Five Year Plan so far, as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Amount released
		(Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00
3.	Himachal Pradesh	22.75
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	11.35
5.	Karnataka	4.00
6.	Maharashtra	16.70
7.	Orissa	14.00
8.	Punjab	2.50
9.	Rajasthan	42.50
10.	Tamil Nadu	2.50
11.	Uttar Pradesh	45 85